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**Confirmation Number: 1661**

Group Art Unit: 1753

**Examiner: STEVEN H. VERSTEEG**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	16	70	0	0.00
INDEP.	7	4	0	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE				0.00
GRAND TOTAL				0.00

### FEE PAYMENT

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$548.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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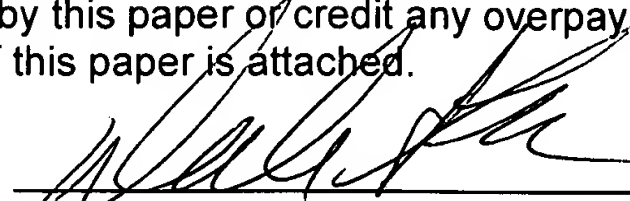
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF  
KITAGAWA et al.

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Appln. No.: 09/662,937

Examiner: VERSTEEG, STEVEN H

Filed: September 15, 2000

Title: BRIGHT SURFACE STRUCTURE AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

February 24, 2003

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said method comprising:

- (a) coating a resin film on said aluminum wheel; and
- (b) forming a thin metal film ~~having a homogenous composition throughout a whole thickness of said thin metal film and~~ having a color similar to chrome on said resin film, wherein said thin metal film is made from a titanium-aluminum alloy containing 20-50% by weight of titanium and 80-50% by weight of aluminum formed by any one of cathode arc ion plating and sputtering using a single sintered target containing 20%-50% by weight of titanium and 80%-50% by weight of aluminum in a vacuum atmosphere.

- 21. (Original) A method according to claim 20, further comprising:
  - (c) coating a clear protective film on said metal film.